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C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 2094

PARIS FOR MELONE

1. PRESIDENT EYADEMA ARRIVED LOME FROM NINE-DAY "PRIVATE VISIT" TO PARIS IN EARLY EVENING SEPTEMBER 19. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SOMEWHAT TIGHTER THAN USUAL, BUT PRESIDENT ALSO SHOOK MORE HANDS AND STOOD LONGER BEFORE PARTY (RPT) "ANIMATEURS."

2. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING RETURN FROM PARIS EYADEMA SAID HE HAD UNDERTAKEN VISIT TO DISCUSS FRANCE-TOGOLESE COOPERATION WITH GOF OFFICIALS AND PARTICIPATION IN TOGO'S THIRD DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH PRIVATE FRENCH INVESTORS. EYADEMA REVEALED THAT THIRD-YEAR PLAN, TO BEGIN JANUARY 1976, TRIPLES INVESTMENTS CALLED FOR IN SECOND PLAN TO CFA250 BILLION (ABOUT ONE BILLION DOLLARS).

3. TELEVISION COVERAGE OF PARIS VISIT SHOWN LOCALLY CONFIRMED WHAT "TOGO-PRESSE" HAD REPORTED ALREADY REGARDING EYADEMA'S REMARK TO PRESS IN PARIS ABOUT GOF-GOT DIFFERENCES. PRESIDENT REITERATED THAT GOT'S PROBLEM HAD NOT BEEN WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT. FOR FIRST TIME, HOWEVER, HE SAID PROBLEM HAD BEEN WITH ONE MAN  
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ONLY (PRESUMABLY) MAX ROBERT OF FRENCH PHOSPHATE MINING COMPANY  
NATIONALIZED FOLLOWING SAKAKAWA AIR CRASH.

4. DAY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN, SEPTEMBER 20, EYADEMA LOST NO TIME IN  
PLAYING POLITICS AT HOME. OCCASION WAS REQUIEM MASS FOR FATHER  
OF ARCHBISHOP OF LOME, DOSSEH-ANYRON, HELD AT VOGAN, MORE THAN  
HOUR'S DRIVE FROM CAPITAL. EYADEMA FLEW THERE BY HELICOPTER  
WHERE HE WAS JOINED BY TEN OF HIS ELEVEN MINISTERS. SECURITY  
PRECAUTIONS WERE CONSPICUOUS: ARMORED CAR, PLATOON OF SOLDIERS  
AND TWO OR THREE TOUGH-LOOKING COMMANDOS IN BATTLE DRESS STANDING  
BEHIND PRESIDENT AND MINISTERS, IN ADDITION TO USUAL PLAIN-  
CLOTHES BODYGUARDS.

5. COMMENT: EYADEMA'S GESTURE IN ATTENDING FUNERAL WITH HIS  
FULL CABINET UNDOUBTEDLY DESIGNED TO APPEASE SOUTHERNERS,  
PARTICULARLY THOSE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SEVERAL OF WHOSE PRIESTS  
HAVE EXPERIENCED PERSECUTION AS DO ALL THOSE  
WHO OPENLY OPPOSE EYADEMA TODAY.  
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